

Claims 2, 6, and 11 are hereby amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for "the matrix material." No new matter is added thereby.


Applicant hereby adds claims 24-28. No new matter is added thereby. Support for claims 24 and 25 can be found in the specification at least on page 4, lines 26-29, and page 10, lines 1-3. Support for claims 26 and 27 can be found in the specification at least on page 7, lines 22-27. Support for claim 28 can be found in the specification at least on page 6, lines 8-22, and in Fig. 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-12 and 24-28 in due course. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues with the Examiner.

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